

NEWTON Global Leaders Academy 2026

Prague, Czech Republic

*26 July – 1 August 2026
Week A*

Itinerary



Advanced Critical Thinking, Leadership & AI

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Arrival: Sunday, 26 July 2026

Programme: Monday, 27 July – Saturday, 1 August 2026

Departure: Saturday, 1 August 2026

Sunday 26 July

Throughout the Day

- Arrival in Prague
- Accommodation check-in
- Free time to settle in

Optional & Informal Welcome Evening

18:30 - 20:30

- **Welcome to NEWTON University**
- Meet the programme team and fellow participants
- Icebreaker activities
- Programme introduction
- Orientation walk around the city centre

Monday 27 July

09:00 - 10:30 Official Welcome to NEWTON University & Seminar 1

Foundations of Critical Thinking

Arguments, logic, identifying fallacies, and developing clear, evidence-based reasoning.

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:15 Seminar 2 Cognitive Biases

Common thinking errors, cognitive shortcuts, and practical techniques for reducing bias in everyday decision-making.

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch at NEWTON University

13:15 - 14:45 Seminar 3 Decision-Making Under Uncertainty

Evaluating incomplete or conflicting information using structured decision-making methods and probabilistic thinking.

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 - 16:15 Seminar 4 Leadership Styles & Theories

Explore transformational, transactional, servant, and situational leadership, and understand when different approaches are most effective.

16:15 - 16:45 Group Photograph

16:45 - 18:30 Travel to City Centre

18:30 - 20:30 Prague Ghosts & Legents Nighttime Walking Tour

Enter the shadowy streets of Prague's Old Town & learn about some of the ghosts that haunt the night.

Tuesday 28 July

09:00 - 10:30 Seminar 5 Adaptive Leadership

Develop the ability to adjust leadership styles to different people, situations, and organizational challenges while building resilience and self-awareness.

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:15 Seminar 6 Strategic Problem Solving

SWOT analysis, root cause analysis, problem framing, and structured approaches to solving organizational challenges.

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch at NEWTON University

13:15 - 17:30 Travel to Prague Castle: A visit to one of Europe's largest castle complexes, including St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Royal Palace, St. George's Basilica, Golden Lane, Castle Gardens (subject to time)

17:30 - followed by free time in **Malá Strana** for refreshments, shopping, dinner or independent exploration.

Wednesday 29 July

09:00 - 10:30 Seminar 7 Applied Strategic Problem Solving

Collaborative case studies and practical application of strategic problem-solving frameworks to real-world business scenarios.

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 12:15 Seminar 8 Ethical Leadership

Values, integrity, ethical dilemmas, responsible decision-making, and leading with trust and accountability.

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch at NEWTON University

13:15 - 14:45 Seminar 9 Intercultural Leadership & Communication

Cultural intelligence, managing diverse teams, cross-cultural communication, and conflict resolution in international environments.

14:45 - 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 - 16:15 Seminar 10 Systems Thinking

Understanding complex systems, feedback loops, unintended consequences, and organizational dynamics to improve strategic decision-making.

16:15 - 17:15 Travel to City Centre

17:30 - 19:30 Escape Room Challenge

Students work in international teams to solve puzzles and complete challenges that strengthen communication, leadership and collaborative problem-solving skills.

Thursday 30 July

09:00 - 10:30 Seminar 11 AI as a Thinking Partner

Discover how artificial intelligence can enhance reasoning, creativity, research, and decisionmaking

while maintaining critical thinking and human oversight.

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 12:15 Seminar 12 Responsible AI & Data-Driven Leadership

Explore ethical AI, bias, transparency, responsible data use, KPIs, dashboards, and evidence-based decision-making for modern leaders.

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch at NEWTON University

13:15 – 18:00 Travel to Prague Zoo

Visit one of Europe's leading zoological gardens while exploring biodiversity, conservation and sustainability in an engaging outdoor environment."

Friday 31 July

09:00 - 10:30 Final Project Workshop

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 12:15 Final Project Workshop

12:15 - 13:15 Lunch at NEWTON University

13:15 - 15:30 Final Project Presentations

Student teams present their projects to lecturers and fellow participants, followed by discussion and feedback.

The remainder of the afternoon is free for packing, relaxation or independent exploration of Prague.

18:00 - 19:00 Evening Celebration

Celebrate the successful completion of the Academy with an evening cruise along the Vltava River, enjoying spectacular views of Prague Castle, Charles Bridge and the historic city skyline.

From 19:30 Farewell Social Evening

An opportunity to celebrate the week, exchange contacts and enjoy a final evening together in Prague.

Saturday 1 August

09:30 – 10:15 Reflection Session

Participants reflect on their learning, leadership development and memorable experiences throughout the Academy.

10:15- 11:00 Closing Remarks, Certificates & Group Photograph

NEWTON University address:

NEWTON University 5. května 1640/65 140 21 Prague 4 – Nusle Czech Republic

Entrance No. 6, 4th Floor - Classroom 2

Getting to NEWTON University in Prague:

The easiest way to reach the venue is by Metro Line C to Vyšehrad station. From there, follow the signs towards Prague Congress Centre (Kongresové centrum Praha) and continue on foot for a few minutes to Entrance No. 6 – NEWTON University. The university is also easily accessible by tram and bus services serving the Vyšehrad and Prague Congress Centre area."

Overview of the Academic Sessions:

- *Think critically*
- *Recognize biases*
- *Make better decisions*
- *Understand leadership*
- *Adapt leadership*
- *Solve problems*
- *Practice solving problems*
- *Lead ethically*
- *Lead globally*
- *Think systemically*
- *Work intelligently with AI*
- *Lead responsibly with AI and data*

Included Cultural & Social Programme

- *Prague Ghosts & Legends Walking Tour*
- *Ticket to Prague Castle*
- *Escape Room Team Challenge*
- *Prague Zoo Excursion*
- *Vltava River Cruise*

The NEWTON Global Leaders Academy is designed to provide participants with an inspiring blend of academic learning, leadership development, cultural discovery and international networking, creating an unforgettable summer experience in the heart of Prague.

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